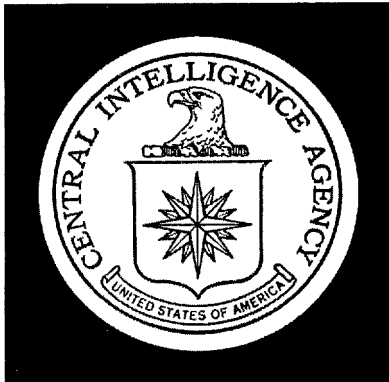


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Uruguay: The Communist Party of Uruguay (PCU) is intensifying its propaganda campaign against the meeting of American presidents in Punta del Este on 12-14 April.

Handbills, posters, and slogans painted on walls will probably appear in profusion in Montevideo. Although the Communist-inspired 24-hour general strike called for 12 April probably will not be completely successful, enough unions are likely to support it to disrupt important services and provide the PCU with an effective propaganda show. However, the PCU has not provided enough financial support to assure the success of its youth organization's 70-mile protest march from Montevideo to the Punta del Este area. The march, which began yesterday, may well disintegrate short of its destination unless Uruguayan security elements mishandle the situation.

The Uruguayan security forces are believed to have the capability to cope with anticipated security threats at Punta del Este. Considerable confusion still exists regarding responsibilities, however, and efforts to achieve better coordination are continuing.

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Jamaica: The Jamaica Labor Party's selection of External Affairs Minister Hugh Shearer to succeed the critically ill Donald Sangster as prime minister could produce a sharp division in the party.

When Sangster suffered brain hemorrhage and a stroke last month he designated D. C. Tavares to serve as acting prime minister. The appointment undoubtedly reinforced Tavares' long-held aspiration to be the country's chief executive. Tavares, of the JLP's liberal wing, and his powerful and ruthless colleague, Minister of Welfare and Development Edward Seaga, cannot be expected to accept the selection of Shearer gracefully.

Shearer may have some difficulty uniting the party behind him, although he is backed by former prime minister Bustamante and enjoys widespread labor support. The new prime minister may be handicapped by the fact that he lacks the national prestige that Sangster had and is not known to be an astute politician.

Shearer is basically pro-US, but he may steer a more independent course in international affairs than those of the Bustamante and Sangster governments.

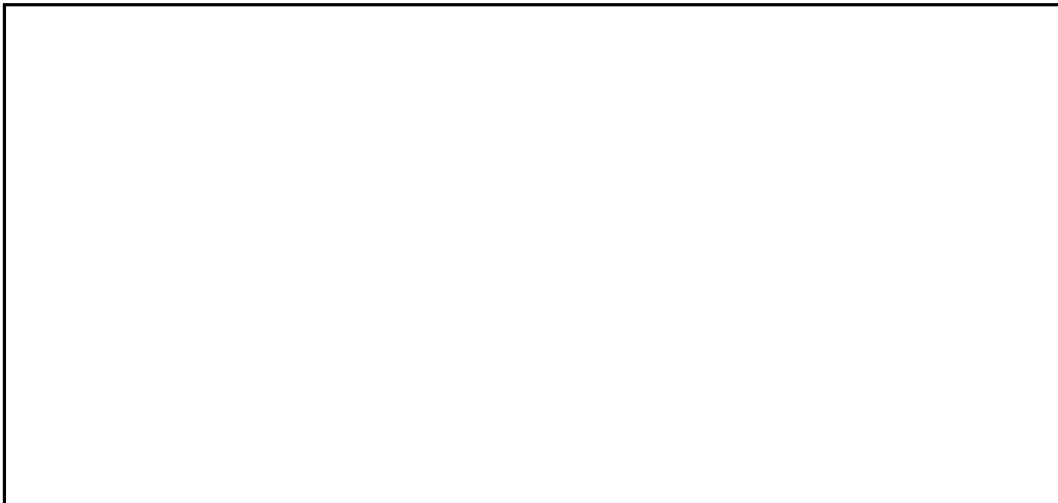
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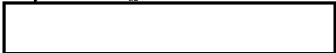
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South Arabia: The violence plaguing Aden may soon follow a new path and focus on an internal struggle between the two rival nationalist groups. Yesterday the National Liberation Front (NLF) called for an end of the strike and ordered its members back to work, but the Front for the Liberation of Occupied South Yemen (FLOSY)--which is closely tied to Cairo--has continued the strike. A FLOSY leader, reacting to a recent skirmish with the NLF, has predicted "civil war" between the two groups. 

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Dominican Republic: Luis Amiama, the minister of interior and police appointed by President Balaguer in the wake of last month's attack on Antonio Imbert, is threatening to resign. Amiama has reiterated his objections to "trujillista" officials around the President and is charging that Balaguer reneged on a promise to downgrade Police Chief Tejeda. Amiama's resignation might be accompanied by that of his brother, Foreign Minister Fernando Amiama--a member of the Dominican summit delegation--and receive considerable publicity, much of it critical of Balaguer. 

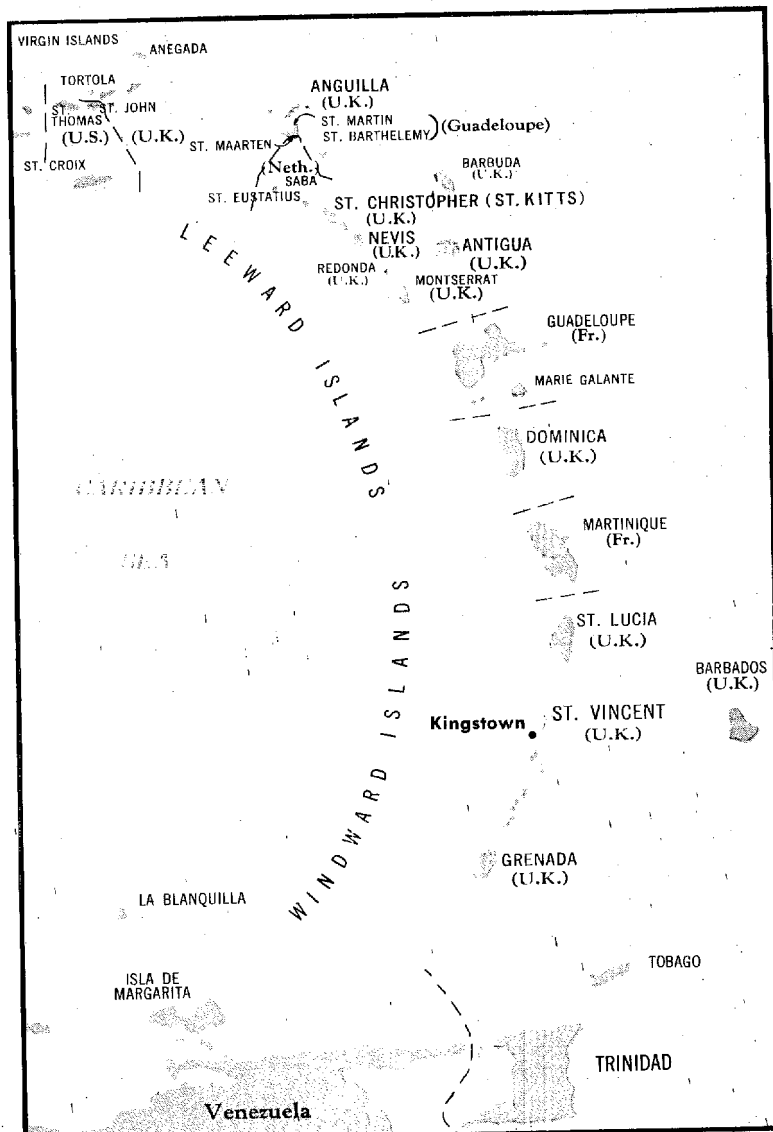
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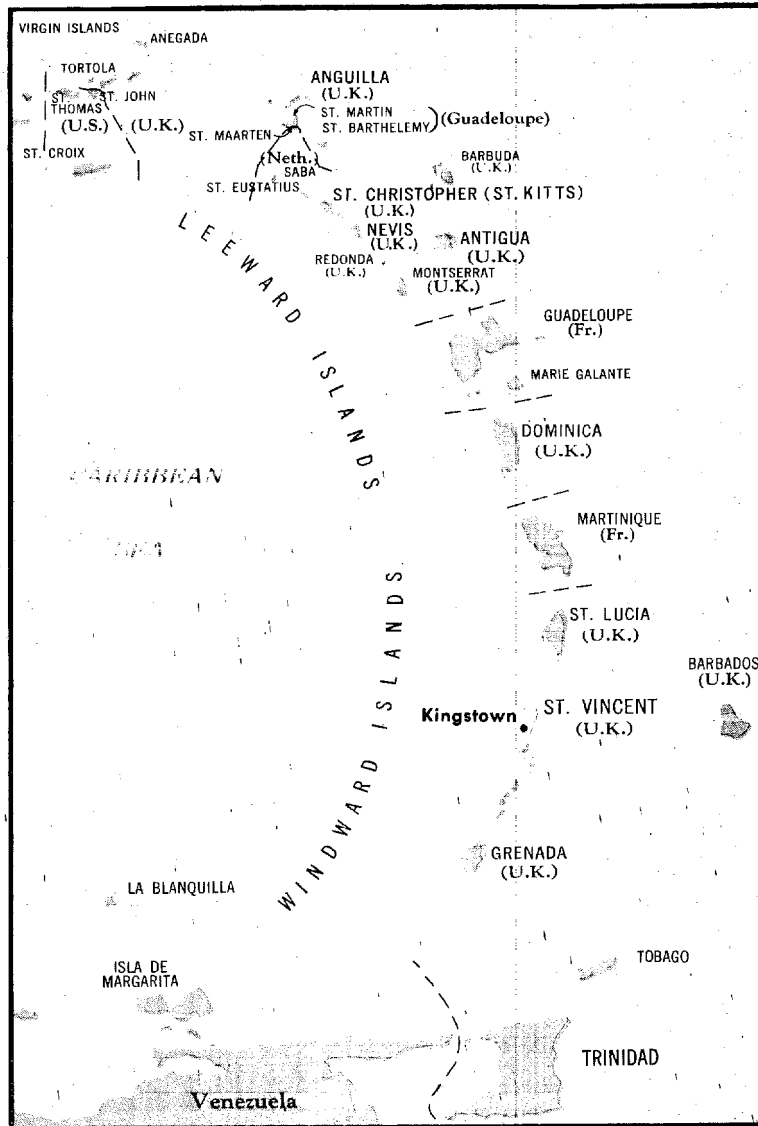
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St. Vincent: A seven-month-long political crisis in this small British colony in the Caribbean may bring about civil disturbances. The political situation has been confused and bitter since the August 1966 general elections, when the ruling party led by Chief Minister Joshua squeaked by, capturing only five of the nine legislative seats. Since then, one ruling party legislator defected to the opposition party, bringing government business to a virtual standstill. Joshua has asked London's approval to call immediate elections.

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